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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I ask how the appointment of physical instructors will then facilitate the promotion of physical culture? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" It can be promoted without grants from Government."

Proposals for the better organization and supervision of physical education in schools.

* 666 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposals for the better organization and supervision of physical education work in schools?

A.—None at present.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the recommendations made by the Champion Committee? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" They are aware of the recommendations of two committees."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I ask how the Government propose to give effect to their recommendations to improve physical education and instruction? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" The Government have already taken action so far as funds permit and further action will be taken as and when funds permit."

Excise

Opening of new arrack shops in Salem district during 1936–37.

* 667 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many new arrack shops are proposed to be opened in each of the Revenue divisions in Salem district for the coming year 1936–37;

(*b*) what the reasons are for opening such new shops;

(*c*) what the resolutions passed by the Excise Advisory Committee of each area are in the matter of opening new shops; and

(*d*) whether copies of these resolutions will be placed on the table?

A.—The Government have no information. The Commissioner of Excise, who has power to open new shops, has however issued instructions to Collectors to formulate and place before the Excise Advisory Committees and Excise Licensing Boards definite proposals for opening new shops in localities where illicit distillation or admixture is rife or illicit sales have been

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found to exist. The opening of new shops is one of the measures which have been taken to check the development of illicit distillation and kindred offences against the Abkari laws which have assumed serious proportions in recent years.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask whether it is the policy of the Government to open new shops with a view to put down illicit distillation and not to have effective supervision? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" That is a matter left to the Collectors, the excise advisory committees and the excise licensing boards. They have to decide whether the opening of new shops will be necessary for preventing illicit distillation."

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—" I want to know if the Hon. Minister still upholds the old policy of prohibition in 20 years? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not think that arises here at all."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask whether it is not necessary that instructions should be issued to the Commissioner and Collectors on an important matter like this? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" They certainly know it as well as we do."

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" May I ask whether there were representations from the people of the locality objecting to the opening of new shops? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Not so far as I am aware, Sir."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" May I know whether in the case of shops declared to have been permanently closed, the Government are reopening them without consulting local opinion? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" No, except in one case."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the existence of illicit sales is due to want of sufficient number of shops or slackness on the part of the excise officers? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It may be due to both or either."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that shops are again proposed to be re-opened in two places in the Anantapur district? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I have no information."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" May I request the Hon. Minister to look into the matter and consult public opinion? "

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The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"As the answer says, opening of new shops is left to the Excise advisory committees and the Collector."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"May I know whether illicit distillation may not be due to the costliness of Government liquor?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"If it is the hon. Member's idea that liquor should be made cheap and consumption increased, I must take exception to that policy."

Medical Administration

Special qualifications of the incumbents filling the chair of Bacteriology in the Medical Colleges.

* 668 *Q.*—Mr. P. RATNAVELU THEVAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a special cadre in the Medical Colleges to teach Bacteriology;

(*b*) if so, when it was created, and for what reasons;

(*c*) whether any qualifications are prescribed for that post; if so, what the qualifications are;

(*d*) who the present members in that cadre are and what their ranks are; and

(*e*) what their qualifications were at the time of their appointment and whether they have acquired any additional qualifications since then?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There is no special cadre for the teaching of Bacteriology in the Medical Colleges, Madras and Vizagapatam. The posts of professors and assistant to the professors employed in the teaching of Bacteriology at the Colleges are included in the cadre of the Madras Medical Service (General Branch)—Men's section. A whole-time post of professorship in Bacteriology in the Medical College, Madras, was created in 1928 as it was considered that the arrangement under which one of the Assistant Directors in the King Institute, Guindy, was entrusted with the teaching of Bacteriology was unsatisfactory. The post of Professorship in Bacteriology and Hygiene in the Vizagapatam Medical College was created in 1925 on the opening of the third-year class in that college. In 1931, the professor was relieved of his work as lecturer in Hygiene.

(*c*) No special qualifications have been prescribed, but appointments to the posts are restricted to persons who possess special qualification or who have been specially trained for Bacteriological work.